

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A camera apparatus comprising:

a photographing section for taking a picture of a subject to obtain an image;

5 a display section for displaying the image obtained by the photographing section in a standby state;

a storing section for storing the above image in response to photographing operation;

10 an image synthesizing section for synthesizing an image representing composition of the image obtained by the photographing section and an position specifying image representing a predetermined position to obtain a synthesized image;

15 a composition data storing section for storing composition data relating to a composition indicating image in which the position specifying image takes a position in the synthesized image, which position is desired by a user; and

20 a display control section for successively synthesizing, in recognition by a photographer in a standby state in a photographing mode, the image obtained by the photographing section with composition indicating image based on the composition data stored
25 in the composition data storing section to make a synthesized image, and for displaying on the display section the synthesized image as an image to be

obtained.

2. The camera apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

5 a modification section for modifying the position
specifying image in response to a predetermined
operation.

3. The camera apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein

10 the modification section changes the position
specifying image in size.

4. The camera apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

the position specifying image is a human model
image representing a human body.

15 5. The camera apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

the display control section synthesizes the
composition indicating image as a semi-transparent
image so as to allow a photographer to recognize the
20 composition indicating image in a standby state for
photographing.

6. The camera apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

25 a position changing section for changing a
position of the position specifying image in the
composition indicating image in response to
predetermined operation.

7. The camera apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

a cutting out section for cutting out a part
specified in the image stored in the storing section;
5 and

a partial image storing section for storing the
part of the image cut out by the cutting out section.

8. The camera apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein:

10 the image synthesizing section synthesizes
composition image of the image obtained by the
photographing section and the part of the image stored
in the partial image storing section, and

the composition data storing section stores the
15 composition data relating to the composition indicating
image in which the part of the image takes a user's
desired position.

9. The camera apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein

20 the part of the image is a human model image.

10. The camera apparatus according to claim 7,
further comprising:

a position changing section for changing a
position of the part of the image in the composition
25 indicating image in response to predetermined
operation.

11. A method of taking a picture comprising the

steps of:

taking a picture of a subject to obtain an image;

displaying the image obtained by the photographing
section in a standby in a state;

5 storing the obtained image in response to
photographing operation;

synthesizing an image representing composition of
the obtained image and an position specifying image
representing a predetermined position to obtain a
10 synthesized image;

storing composition data relating to a composition
indicating image in which the position specifying image
takes a position set by a user in the synthesized
image; and

15 successively synthesizing, in recognition by a
photographer in a standby state in a photographing
mode, the obtained image with composition indicating
image based on the previously stored composition data
to create a synthesized image,

20 and photographing with the created synthesized
image displayed as an image to be obtained.

12. The method of taking a picture according to
claim 11, further comprising the step of:

modifying the position specifying image in
25 response to a predetermined operation.

13. The method of taking a picture according to
claim 12, further comprising the step of:

modifying the position specifying image in size in response to a predetermined operation.

14. The method of taking a picture according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

5 changing a position of the position specifying image in the composition indicating image in response to predetermined operation.

15. The method of taking a picture according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

10 cutting out a part specified in the stored image which has been obtained in response to photographing operation.

16. The method of taking a picture according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

15 changing a position of the part of the image in the composition indicating image in response to predetermined operation.

17. A storage medium that records method of photographing comprising:

20 a step of taking a picture of a subject to obtain an image;

 a step of displaying the image obtained by the photographing section in a standby state;

 a step of storing the obtained image in response to photographing operation;

25 a step of synthesizing an image representing composition of the obtained image and an position

specifying image representing a predetermined position
to obtain a synthesized image;

5 a step of storing composition data relating to a
composition indicating image in which the position
specifying image takes a position set by a user in the
synthesized image; and

10 a step of successively synthesizing, in recogni-
tion by a photographer in a standby state in a
photographing mode, the obtained image with composition
indicating image based on the previously stored
composition data to create a synthesized image,

and a step of photographing with the created
synthesized image displayed as an image to be obtained.